

City of Harrington
MINUTES
Swearing In Ceremony and City Council Organizational Meeting
June 6, 2016

A swearing in ceremony for the newly elected Council Members of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on June 6, 2016 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Elect Robert Dean Helsel; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Elect Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Barbara Bullock; Fonda Coleman; and Jennifer Antonik, The Harrington Journal.

Mayor Moyer opened the Swearing In Ceremony at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Moyer welcomed everyone to the Swearing In Ceremony.

Vice Mayor Bivans said a prayer for the City, State, and Country.

The Clerk of Council swore in Council Member Robert Dean Helsel and Council Member Micah Parker.

Refreshments were served.

Following the Swearing In Ceremony, the Organizational Meeting of the Harrington City Council was held and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Elect Robert Dean Helsel; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Elect Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Max Walton, Connelly Gallagher; Barbara Bullock; Fonda Coleman; and Jennifer Antonik, The Harrington Journal.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Annual Report to the Electors of the City

Mayor Moyer presented the Annual Report to the Electors of the City:

It is my honor to give the State of the City address and to welcome Mr. Helsel and Mr. Parker. I would like to thank them, as well as the rest of Council, for their service and dedication to the people of this City.

I would also like to recognize Christine Hayward for 35 years of service to the City of Harrington. Without the dedication of Public Works, City Hall, Parks and Rec, and Library, this City would not be in the fine shape that it is. The Police Department has added a community police officer by the name of Carl Klotz. We have hired two additional police officers: Sam Wilkes has assumed his position and Brooke Watkinson is in the police academy and will be joining the City in the very near future. This strengthening of the police force will make our City safer and relieve some of the burden our other police officers are facing on a daily basis. We are also looking for a city planner to put on staff to help with economic growth and to speed up the process of building within the City.

The City had a referendum this year to refinance some loans to a lower interest rate. In doing so, we will shave about one million dollars off of the City's debt. For the last two decades the City has talked about infrastructure needing repairs and put it off, well no more. The leaking sewer lines are near completion and have saved and will continue to save untold amount of monies in the future due to the reduction in sewer treatment costs for rain water.

This past year we have formed a Builder and Developer Committee with local builders and through their insight have made changes that will attract new people and businesses to our city. We have established an Employee of the Year program to recognize those that go above and beyond in their daily activities. This past year we had a tie in Dudley Clough and Kelly Blanchies. They have exemplified the best of our employees. Council and City Manager Terry Tieman have presented and passed a balanced budget for FY17 with no rate increases to the citizens.

The City has applied for downtown development district designation, which if we are accepted, will open doors for grants and other means for growth. We have also expanded the downtown district to open opportunities for cottage businesses.

In closing, I would like you to know that I feel blessed to have been a part of the changes the City has had in the past three years. We are financially sound, and we are starting to see growth. There will be more changes instituted this year to assist in this growth. The City of Harrington is the home I chose 28 years ago and will be my home until my time is done. Thank you.

Council Member resignation

Mayor Moyer stated that Council Member Kenneth Stubbs has resigned. Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to nominate Charles Baugher to fill the remaining term for District 5.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to accept the appointment of Charles Baugher as District 5 Council Member. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Mayor and appointment of Committees and Commissions

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to see Council Member Bivans continue as the Vice Mayor.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to select Council Member Bivans as Vice Mayor. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to appoint Council Member Minner as Chairman and Council Members Parker and Marquis to the Budget Committee.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Vice Mayor Bivans, to accept the Budget Committee appointments as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to appoint Vice Mayor Bivans as Chairman and Council Members Helsel and Marquis to the Personnel Committee.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to accept the Personnel Committee appointments as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to appoint Council Member Marquis as Chairman and Council Member Minner and Vice Mayor Bivans to the Charter and Ordinance Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Bivans, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to accept the Charter and Ordinance Committee appointments as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to reappoint Stacey Sizemore and appoint Ethan Simpson to the Planning Commission.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Bivans, seconded by Council Member Minner, to accept the Planning Commission appointments as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to reappoint Dan Tartt and Dan McLaughlin to the Board of Adjustment.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Helsel, to accept the Board of Adjustment appointments as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that there are no changes to the Harrington Parks and Recreation Committee or Board of Trustees.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Parker, to reappoint the existing Harrington Parks and Recreation Committee and Board of Trustees. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer stated that the Board of Library Trustees will remain the same, the Library Building Committee will remain the same, the Library Site Selection and Procurement Committee will remain the same with the exception of removing Wayne Porter; and the Delaware State Fair Contract Committee will remain the same with the exception of removing Kenneth Stubbs.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Helsel, to accept the appointments to the Board of Library Trustees, the Library Building Committee, the Library Site Selection and Procurement Committee, and the Delaware State Fair Contract Committee as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

[A list of committee appointments is attached to these minutes.]

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to move the Executive Session to the next item on the agenda. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Discussion of pending litigation with the Delaware State Fair

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to go to Executive Session for discussion for pending litigation with the Delaware State Fair. The MOTION passed unanimously.

The City Council Meeting recessed at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Moyer called the City Council Meeting back to order at 7:28 p.m. Those still present: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Elect Robert Dean Helsel; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Elect Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also still present: Barbara Bullock; Fonda Coleman; and Jennifer Antonik, The Harrington Journal. Charles Baugher joined the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to authorize counsel for the City to continue to attempt to reach a settlement with the Delaware State Fair and authorize counsel to seek a new trial date if necessary. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-14 – Adopting a revised FY 2016 Budget

Mayor Moyer read Resolution 16-R-14.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to accept Resolution 16-R-14. Roll was called: 5 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Helsel – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Parker – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-15 – Adopting the FY 2017 Budget

Mayor Moyer read Resolution 16-R-15.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to amend the FY 2017 budget to remove the twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) in raises and give all employees a two percent (2%) bonus and approve Resolution 16-R-15 as amended. Roll was called: 5 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Helsel – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Parker – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

City Council Comments

Council Member Marquis welcomed the new council members. Mayor Moyer stated that longer term council members have agreed to serve as mentors for the new council members.

Council Member Marquis stated that the City has made progress and that he hopes to see it continue.

Vice Mayor Bivans thanked the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Public Works for the help with the additional clean up days.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that he appreciates being selected again as Vice Mayor.

Council Member Minner welcomed the new council members, asked for a schedule for mosquito spraying, and asked that a children at play sign be placed on Weiner Avenue between Center and Liberty Streets.

Council Member Helsel thanked the Chief of Police and City Manager for meeting with him.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to adjourn the City Council Organizational Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council

Attachments: Committee Appointments 2016-2017

Committee Appointments 2016-2017

Budget Committee

Council Member Minner (Chair)
Council Member Parker
Council Member Marquis

Personnel Committee

Vice Mayor Bivans (Chair)
Council Member Helsel
Council Member Marquis

Charter and Ordinance Committee

Council Member Marquis (Chair)
Council Member Minner
Vice Mayor Bivans

Planning Commission

Appointment for 3 year term:
Stacey Sizemore – 2016-2019
Ethan Simpson – 2016-2019

Current members:
James Coudriet – 2015-2018
Jeff Rettig – 2014-2017
William Rogers – 2014-2017

HPR Advisory Committee

Charles Clegg
Scott Fleming
William Hudran
Daryl Minner
Nichole Moxley
Gwen Scott

Board of Library Trustees

Linda Braswell
Barry Breeding
Doug Crouse
Marie Cunningham
Linda Tjaden
Betty Ann VanVessen

Board of Adjustment

Appointment for 3 year term:
Dan McLaughlin – 2013-2016
Dan Tartt – 2013-2016

Current members:
Kathryn Blanchette – 2015-2018
Marie Cunningham – 2014-2017
Frank Tolson – 2014-2017

HPR Board of Trustees (Friends of HPR)

Doug Poore, President
Rob Taylor, Vice President
Dana Taylor, Treasurer
Amanda Outten, Secretary

Library Building Committee

Linda Chick
Doug Crouse
Christine Hayward, Lib. Director
Council Member Amy Minner
Mayor Anthony Moyer
Charles Porter
Kenneth Stubbs
Teresa Tieman, City Manager

Library Site Selection & Procurement Committee

James Coudriet
Doug Crouse
Christine Hayward, Library Director
Council Member Amy Minner
Council Member Charles W. Porter
Alternate: Marie Cunningham

Delaware State Fair Contract Committee

Wayne Porter, Chairman
Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor
William Pepper, City Solicitor
Teresa Tieman, City Manager
Tom Wilkes, City Engineer, Remington, Vernick, & Beach